



November 12, 2017

Vision:

Transform the Heart . . . Transform the Home . . . Transform the World

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Service Times
9:00 am & 10:30 am

Welcome to Worship at **First Friends!**



**Lead Pastor,
Stan Hinshaw**

Prayer at the Altar

Here at First Friends God works through prayer. We offer different opportunities for prayer at our altar each Sunday. During our musical worship, if you would like to come and pray at the altar in private, we invite you to come to the left side by our cross. If you would like one of our Prayer Team to pray with you, please come to the opposite side (right) of the altar. We will also continue to offer prayer at the end of each service.

Project 51 Sunday Missions Generosity Offering (updated)

THANKYOU First Friends "family" for your generous giving last Sunday of \$60,481.56

These funds will bless children in Brazil through "Abba", unborn children through Pregnancy Choices, children in southeast Canton through "Lighthouse Ministries", and children in our own community through 2018 Community Fun Day!



21 Day Gratitude Challenge

As we approach our Thanksgiving holiday there is no better time to practice giving thanks! Commit to join our church in the "21 Day Gratitude Challenge" and let's create the godly discipline of giving thanks in all circumstances.

(See our First Friends mobile App, our website, and the bulletin insert for details)

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Reading Plan

Sunday, Nov. 12 – Psalm 31 (vs. 19-24)

Monday, Nov. 13 – Psalm 32 (vs. 1-11)

Tuesday, Nov. 14 – Psalm 33 (vs. 1-22)

Wednesday, Nov. 15 – Psalm 34 (vs. 1-22)

Thursday, Nov. 16 – Psalm 40 (vs. 1-17)

Friday, Nov. 17 – Psalm 51 (vs. 1-19)

Saturday, Nov. 18 – Psalm 66 (vs. 1-20)

Pastor Stan Hinshaw, Lead Pastor

Thank You for Considering Others in Worship

Please silence your cell phones during the worship service. Also, if your child becomes restless and loud, the service can be heard in the hall, the women's restroom nursing room, or you can take your child to one of our excellent church nurseries.

REACHING NEIGHBORS & NATIONS

Report on Central Asia *Jesus Film* trip led by Dave Broadwell (CRU)

Fifteen years ago, 'Sergei,' a college student in Central Asia, was bored and looking for something to watch. His roommate, not a believer, handed him a DVD someone had given him - a copy of the *Jesus Film* in their language. It sat on the shelf for a few weeks, and then Sergei decided to watch it. He heard the story of Jesus, taken from the gospel of Luke, in his own language. Soon afterward he made a decision to become a Christ-follower! Now, Sergei is a pastor, leading and discipling others in how to walk with Christ. In October, Dave had the privilege of meeting him when he was in Central Asia, helping lead a two-week mission trip featuring the *Jesus Film*.

The team spoke at different universities and invited students to come talk with them further. They were able to share their faith with some students who came to a coffee shop. They also worshipped and spent time with local believers and trained them in how to use the *Jesus Film* app to start spiritual conversations. The believers in Central Asia were very hospitable and warm. It was amazing to see the doors that were opened to the team, just by being American.

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

Is this Your First Sunday at FFC?

That's awesome! We are so glad that you are here. Please stop by and visit us at the Guest Central table in the Main Lobby. We'd love to thank you for being with us this morning and answer any questions you might have. God bless! -The FFC Guest Connections Team

Have a Prayer Need?

Call or email Greg Roth at 330.454.4100 or groth@neo.rr.com Our faithful prayer warriors will lift your request before the Lord.

Hospitals & Rehab

Jerry Schroeder, Diane Merritt, Tom Laursen, Jackie Misja, Terry Gamble, Barry Betz, Debbie Mosher

Christmas Night of Worship

December 10, 7:00 pm

Save the date for our Christmas Night of Worship. More details to come!

Celebrate Recovery

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us for this new biblically based and Jesus centered recovery ministry.

Our Love and Sympathy

to Dane & Christi Frauenholz and family in the death of Dane's father

Congratulations

to Rod & Liz Neuenschwander and family in the addition to their family, a daughter, Kaysie.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 am

All children may go directly to their Sunday School Classes.

Help children hide God's Word in their hearts by memorizing their verses this month:

Preschool – Kindergarten Verse

"As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me." Psalm 55:16

Elementary Verse

"With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever." Psalm 136:12

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:30 am

Children in the nursery through kindergarten may go directly to their classrooms.

Children in grades 1 through 5 will be dismissed from the service to go to Children's Church in E-110.

Help children hide God's Word in their hearts by memorizing their verses this month:

Preschool – Kindergarten Verse

"As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me." Psalm 55:16

Elementary Verse

"So love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength." Deuteronomy 6:5



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

Parents

If you have a child/children in one of our nurseries, please leave your phone number with us when you drop them off. We will then add you to our Mobile Text Alert System. If we would need you for any reason we could then send you a text message.

Do you love holding babies? Playing with little ones?

We can help you! If you'd like to help us with our little ones in the nurseries on Sunday mornings, Jessica Bosley, our Nursery Coordinator would love to hear from you. You may email her for more information at jbosley@firstfriends.org

It's good news!

Our 1st and 2nd grade classes are overflowing. Would you be willing to serve in this area so we could have more classes? Please call Tammy at 330-966-2800.

Serving in Children's Ministry

We still have a few openings to serve as assistants in preschool and elementary classes at 9:00 and 10:30 services. Would you be willing to serve - even once a month? Please contact Tammy at 330-966-2800.

Safety Doors

Our safety doors will close 10 minutes after each service has started, opening again at the end of each service. If you would need to go to your child's classroom before the service has ended please go to the Welcome Center for assistance.

LOOKING AHEAD

November

- 15 **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS 6 pm**
4 yr olds - 1st grade (Little Praisers)
Room E-122
2nd grade - 6th grade (Glory Gazers)
Room E-110
- CLC 7 pm**
- 22 **No Choir or CLC**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Website: www.greenhouse242.com

Contact Ben Croston at bcroston@firstfriends.org
Follow us on facebook at: facebook.com/greenhouse242/



Sunday Morning

Sundays, 9:00 - 10:15 am (E-101)

Join us for a time to grow in your faith, friendships, and giftedness through small groups, games, and encouraging lessons. We hope to see you there.

Wednesday Night

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm (E-101)

Join us for a time of fun, friendships, and fellowship with God. We invite you to bring a snack to donate for the snack cabinet.

Grandparent's Luncheon

Saturday, November 18, 11 am - 2 pm (E-101)

Enjoy a time of sharing food, stories, fun, and smiles. Please bring a dish to share.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

The Landing

Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm (E-101)

Based on the Beatitudes, The Landing is a safe, healing place where teenagers can live a freer, healthier, and more God-centered life. There will be videos, worship, and great conversations to help develop tools to face life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Contact Ben at bcroston@firstfriends.org for more information.

Dead Serious About Life

Sunday, November 19, 1:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Drop off and Pick up at First Friends (E-101). The price is \$6. This is a play that helps teenagers develop healthy ways to respond to peer pressure and choices in the society that we live in today. It will be at Louisville Middle School. Transportation is available.

HIGH SCHOOL

Website: www.warehouse514.org

Contact Scott Calhoun at scalhoun@firstfriends.org



Sunday Mornings

Sundays, 9:00 am - 10:15 am (E-111)

Come join us for a relevant message to help you grow in your faith along with a student and leader Bible study time in a friendly, fun, and exciting atmosphere.

Wednesday Nights

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm (E-111)

Join us for a high-energy night of worship, games, and a relevant teaching, followed by a small group study time.

SENT - Warehouse 514 Service Project

Saturday, November 18, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Save the date as we go to Lighthouse Ministry to serve their needs. Meet at the church at 8:45 am. Wear work clothes. Permission slip/Medical form required.

Gear Up Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm (E-111)

If you are interested in being a part of the student leadership team, join us for this meeting. Pack a lunch.

Save the dates

November 26 - Friendsgiving
December 3 - Affordable Christmas shopping
December 9 - Affordable Christmas

CONNECT GROUPS

Contact Theresa Maxin at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

If you would be interested in leading a P.R.A.Y. Scripture group at the church or in your home during the winter semester (January 14-April 29). **Contact Theresa Maxin at 330-966-2800 or tmaxin@firstfriends.org.**

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Marriage Retreat Weekend - Save the Date!

February 23-25, 2018

Save the date for this wonderful three day weekend! Enjoy fellowship with other married couples, one-on-one time with your spouse, testimonies from real-life couples and biblical teachings about building a healthy marriage relationship through the seasons of life.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Lancaster, PA Trip

May 4-5, 2018

The Senior Adult Ministry invites you to join them on a trip to Lancaster, PA to see the "Jesus" production at the Sight & Sound Theater. Pick up a flyer at either Welcome Center for more information. Registration deadline is February 28, 2018.

STEWARDSHIP

Contact Dave Williams at dwilliams@firstfriends.org

Biblical Wisdom:

The seed cast in the weeds represents the ones who hear the kingdom news but are overwhelmed with worries about all the things they have to do and all the things they want to get. The stress strangles what they heard, and nothing comes of it. Mark 4:18 Msg

Blessing Board: Visit our Facebook at Blessing Board at First Friends. Enjoy being a blessing for it is better to give than to receive.

FFC Financial Update

	General Ministries**	Missions/Faith Promise
2017 Approved Budget	\$2,400,000	\$105,000
2017 Revised Budget	\$2,250,000	\$105,000
Received to Date (1/1-11/5)	\$1,879,984**	\$70,440
Remaining Need (11-12-12/31)	\$370,016	\$34,560
Weekly Need (9 weeks)	\$46,252	\$4,320
Received Last Week	\$55,746	\$1,782
Weekly Average to Date	\$41,777**	\$1,565
Home Improvement Received in 2017	\$67,360	
Project 51 Offering	\$60,482	

** Does not include Project 51 Offering**



YOUNG ADULTS

Contact info@firstfriends.org or follow us on Facebook at First Friends Young Adults.

Altitude

Sundays, 8:30 am (E-106)

Join us as we go through the book *Foundations* by Robby & Kandi Gallaty. *Foundations* will guide us through the Bible as we Seek, to Highlight, Explain, Apply and Respond to Scripture. Join us for discussion every Sunday morning at 9:00 am!

Connect

Wednesdays, 8:30 pm (L-6)

Join us as we study the book of Luke.

ASCENT: The Worship Experience

Saturday, November 18, 7:00 pm

Join us for an upbeat worship gathering.



SPORTS

Call the Sports Office at 330.966.6868 or visit firstfriendssports.com

Registrations available in the church brochure racks and on our website firstfriendssports.com



Please pray for all of our Fall sports programs!



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All Welcome

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Abandonment	Divorce	Hurtful Relationships	Phobias	Sexual Abuse
Alcohol	Drugs Emotional Abuse	Insecurity Relationship	Physical Abuse	Sexual Addictions
Anger Anxiety	Fear	Issues Low self-esteem	Pornography	Shame
Chronic Illness/Pain	Financial Issues	Lying Nicotine	Prescription Drugs	Verbal Abuse
Co-Dependency	Food Issues	Overworking	Procrastination	AND MORE...
Control	Gambling Grief	Overeating	Rage Rejection	
Depression	Guilt	People Pleasing	Resentments	



Christmas Opportunities 2017

Operation Christmas Child - First Friends is partnering with Samaritan's Purse to provide gift-filled shoeboxes to children living in impoverished situations. Pick up your box today at the table in the lobby! **Boxes are due by November 19**

Affordable Christmas Giving Tree - This year we are partnering again with the Affordable Christmas program beginning Sunday, November 19. Take a tag from the tree (located across from L-1,2,3), purchase the gift, and then return it **unwrapped to a Welcome Center by Sunday, December 5.**

Sock and Mitten Tree - Every year we donate hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and socks to the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need during the winter months. **Beginning Sunday, November 19 through December 10, place your donated items on the tree in the hallway by the library.**

Christmas Cards for Shut-Ins - Send a Christmas Greeting to our shut-ins to warm their hearts and encourage them. **Call Janet at the church or stop at the Welcome Center for a list.**

Missionary Christmas - Let's show our appreciation and support for missionary families through a monetary Christmas gift. **Please designate "Missionary Christmas" on your offering envelope.**